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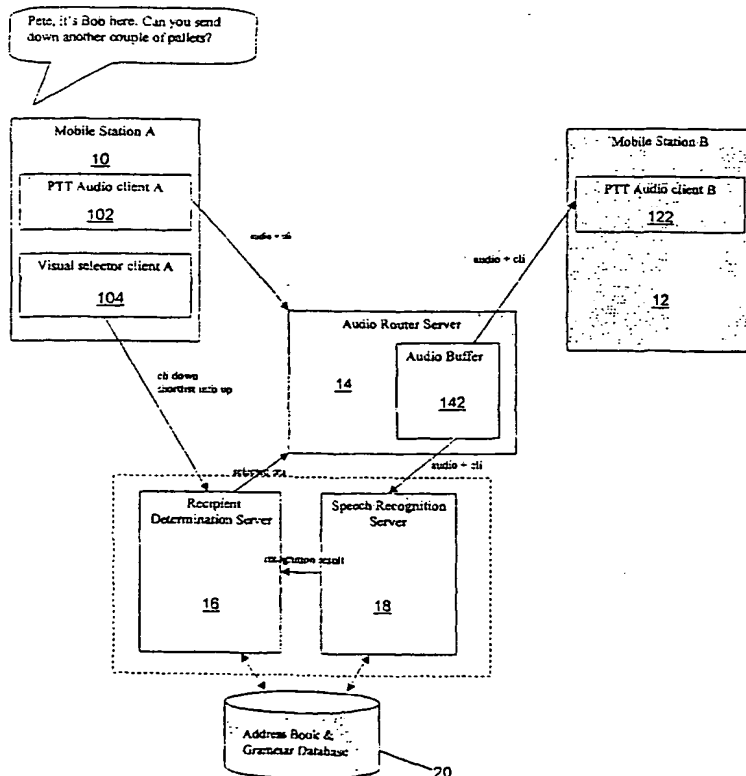
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(57) Abstract: A communications method and system for use with push-to-talk (PTT) communications systems, where a speech recogniser is used to recognise utterance in a spoken message for transmission by a PTT communications service, and the recognised utterance are analysed to attempt to determine the intended recipient of the message. If the intended recipient can be unambiguously determined then a PTT call is set up to forward the message to the determined recipient. If a plurality of potential recipients are determined a selection list is displayed to the user to allow the user to select the intended recipient.

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